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Prices were unchanged the entire week. The market tone was steady to barely steady. Demand into all outlets was light to very good, best where active retail promotions enhanced movement but not quite at expected levels. Supplies were adequate to available. All breaking stock prices were lower. Demand was mostly moderate and price selective while offerings were fully adequate and continued to include graded loose shell eggs. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Schedules were full-time to part-time. Trade sentiment was weak. Spent hen removal costs were higher. Demand was light with adequate offerings. Schedules were reduced. The trade sentiment was steady. Removal prices were 4-11 cents per head.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Retail demand was moderate to very good and continues to improve but is not at expected levels for the upcoming Easter holiday. Food service movement was mostly light. Supplies were adequate to available for current needs. Central States breaking stock prices were lower. Offerings were fully adequate to ample and included graded loose shell eggs. Demand was mostly moderate. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Schedules were full time to part time. Trade sentiment weak.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	66-75	69-72
LARGE	65-74	67-70
MEDIUM	42-51	44-47

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail and distributive demand ranged light to good. Supplies were adequate to available for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were usually sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Spent hens were noted as at least adequate for normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	72-86	75-79
LARGE	68-82	73-77
MEDIUM	44-57	49-51

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

COMBINED REGIONAL

Mar 31, 2006

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	77.00	75.00	50.00
SOUTHEAST	77.50	75.50	50.00
MIDWEST	70.50	68.50	45.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	78.50	77.50	52.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	75.98	74.25	49.62

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN			
	04-04-06	03-28-06	04-05-05
Large	47-56	47-56	18-27
Medium	24-30	24-30	6-11

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- APRIL 03, 2006

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	12.9	29.9	11.1	15.4	17.3	86.6
	Change	-0.1	2.7	0.9	1.2	1.0	7%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	37.9	61.7	13.7	28.1	51.0	192.4
	Change	0.8	1.0	-0.3	-4.0	4.0	1%
Large	Curr Wk	56.9	193.2	130.7	140.6	186.8	708.2
	Change	-3.8	-18.2	24.4	1.1	25.5	4%
Medium	Curr Wk	9.9	42.8	15.3	21.6	37.0	126.6
	Change	-4.5	1.4	-3.1	1.6	0.0	-4%
Small	Curr Wk	6.4	7.1	2.0	3.8	11.6	30.9
	Change	-0.7	-1.8	-0.5	-1.6	4.3	-1%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.4	29.1	8.2	14.2	4.3	58.2
	Change	-0.1	4.2	-0.3	2.6	-1.2	10%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	25.6	61.8	24.9	37.6	34.8	184.7
	Change	-1.5	1.2	-4.3	-1.6	0.5	-3%
Total	Curr Wk	152.0	425.6	205.9	261.3	342.8	1387.6
Percent	Change	-6%	-2%	9%	0%	11%	2%
TOTAL		Number of		Percent	Number of		
		Cases		Change	Cooperators		

Shell Egg	1387.6	2%	167
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	256.3	7%	35

Total Shell Egg 1643.9 3% 202

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 167 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks.

This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Shell Egg Inventory Prior to Easter

Easter Date

	2006	2005	2004	2003
	4/16	3/27	4/11	4/20
Mar 20, 2006 4 weeks prior	1229.8	1236.2	1100.6	1162.1
Mar 27, 2006 3 weeks prior	1356.8	1298.5	1310.4	1275.9
Apr 03, 2006 2 weeks prior	1387.6	1329.2	1489.3	1286.0
Apr 10, 2006 1 week prior		1075.0	1243.4	933.2
Apr 17, 2006 first Mon after		847.6	843.8	676.5

(A graph of this data in pdf format can be accessed on the AMS

Poultry Market News website at:

<http://www.ams.usda.gov/poultry/mncs/stats.htm>

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT

North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI

South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX

South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV

Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 01-APR-06(LBS IN THOUSANDS)
(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,254,356	31,078	11,944	6,400	2,457	4,360
PW	1,239,494	31,356	11,055	5,975	2,220	4,254
LY	1,356,492	30,897	14,034	7,734	3,140	4,622
% Chg PWK	1%	-1%	8%	7%	11%	2%
% Chg LY	-8%	1%	-15%	-17%	-22%	-6%
2006	16,429,876	404,754	153,587	83,938	37,444	56,162
2005	16,316,255	389,387	159,271	85,462	36,409	57,146
% Chg YTD	1%	4%	-4%	-2%	3%	-2%
Average Yield Per Case -						
		Current	Previous	Last		
		Week	Week	Year		
(Inedible Included)		42.88	42.47	42.23		
(Inedible Excluded)		39.40	39.04	38.82		

IN-LINE PRODUCTION (of total production; lbs. in thousands;
may include limited amount of off-line source material)

	CASES BROKEN		LIQUID WHOLE	
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs. % of Total	
CURRENT WEEK	590,058	47.0%	16,827	54.1%
PREVIOUS WEEK	583,676	47.1%	17,112	54.6%
LAST YEAR	542,076	40.0%	13,785	44.6%

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	19 Selected States		in 19 Selected States	
	MAR 25	APR 01	MAR 25	APR 01
	Thousand			
AL	31,790	30,962	21,700	21,923
AR	30,151	30,034	*25,367	24,248
DE	*3,620	3,519	*6,002	6,235
FL	1,364	1,366	*1,536	1,471
GA	*34,822	35,004	*28,573	27,947
KY	7,124	7,239	5,741	6,047
LA	3,756	4,058	3,831	4,149
MD	*8,632	8,870	*4,852	4,820
MS	18,528	18,393	16,428	16,490
NC	18,043	18,727	15,323	15,597
OK	6,659	6,408	5,095	5,319
PA	3,746	4,102	2,936	3,118
SC	5,382	5,027	*4,849	4,497
TX	13,455	15,062	13,101	13,055
VA	6,561	6,563	5,098	4,916
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,972	18,100	*16,452	17,527

19 State Total *211,605 213,434 *176,884 177,359

Previous Year Total 212,819 212,425 176,843 176,671

Pct. of Prev. Year 99 100 100 100

* Revised

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 13-May-06 is estimated at 163.2 million head. This compares to 163.1 million head the previous week and to 166.3 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 165.3 million head and the composite weighted average price was 72.65 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 03/30/06-04/05/06

CURRENT LDS 84.25 FUTURE LDS 96.75 TOTAL LDS 181.00

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	50.50	60.00	52.00	53.00	54.29	—	28.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	40.00	2.00
GL W J	—	—	67.25	69.00	50.14	—	5.50
GL W XL	—	57.78	59.94	61.52	44.23	45.50	47.25
GL W LG	—	—	47.75	63.00	41.46	44.33	20.50
GL W MD	44.00	37.00	37.00	34.80	30.00	—	17.25
GL W SM	23.38	25.88	22.00	24.00	16.20	18.00	5.25
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	.75
NRBS - 48	23.00	24.00	—	—	26.79	32.38	103.00
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	30.67	7.00
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	36.25	1.00
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	—	32.00	2.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 01-APR-2006

SELECTED	CW	PW	PCT CHG	
CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSANDS		PW	LY
Atlanta	31.6	25.8	22	20
Boston	3.0	3.0	0	-3
Chicago	96.8	90.4	7	51
Detroit	16.3	24.7	-34	-4
Kansas City	3.5	4.6	-24	13
Los Angeles	113.0	113.3	0	8
New Orleans	6.1	5.6	9	0
New York	32.6	32.4	1	16
St. Louis	19.6	18.4	7	25
San Francisco	19.3	18.2	6	1
Total	341.8	336.4	2	19
4 Week Moving Avg.	332.4			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 01-APR-06

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		TURKEYS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	2,147	2,537	0	3	4,687
Avg Wt	17.58	37.53	0.00	51.01	28.40
Last week	1,924	2,517	38	13	4,492
Same wk yr ago	1,660	2,516	5	5	4,186
Avg Wt	16.37	37.70	28.06	43.08	29.24
To-date/2006	22,635	32,186	279	75	55,175
To-date/2005	19,960	32,555	314	47	52,876

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

Week ending 01-APR-06

(Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)

—YOUNG TURKEYS—			OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	BANDED	AVG
HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	THOUSAND	HEAD- LIVE WT
North East	788	2	23.42	(A) 789 23.42
South Atlantic	739	7	32.25	(A) 740 32.25
North Central	2,026	3	33.03	(A) 2,027 33.03
South Central	755	7	18.99	(A) 755 18.99
West	376	13	25.01	(A) 376 25.01
U.S. total	4,684(B)	5	28.40	3 4,687 28.40
To-date				
2006	55,100(B)		75	55,175
To-date				
2005	52,829(B)		47	52,876

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 0,000; for the current year to date 279,000; for last year to date 314,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 01-APR-2006	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	161,822	1,166	1,433	2,599	485
Avg Wt	5.28	3.21	7.80	5.74	6.69
Last week	162,089	1,082	1,562	2,644	513
Same wk yr ago	155,010	1,671	1,421	3,092	500
Avg Wt	5.17	3.34	8.07	5.51	6.41
To-date/2006	2,088,573	15,763	18,652	34,415	6,549
To-date/2005	2,032,200	19,302	17,098	36,400	6,602

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 164.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 163.8 million head, or 1.1 million less than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 08-Apr-06

CW - 04/08/06(1) PW - 04/01/06

CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
Broiler/fryer	164,804(2)	165,667
Light hens	1,222	1,184
Heavy hens	1,505	1,424
Total	167,531	168,275

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 08-Apr-06 is 163.5 million head compared to 159.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 165.1 million head or 1.6 million more than estimated available. For the week of 15-Apr-06 the estimated available is 163.2 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
February 25	160.4	163.9	98%	5.48
March 4	160.3	163.4	98%	5.34
11	162.6	164.2	99%	5.32
18	164.3	164.3	100%	5.31
25	164.1	164.9	100%	5.36
April 1	163.8	164.9	99%	5.28
Year to date	2114.0	2122.8	100%	
April 8		163.5		
15		163.2		

FINAL BROILER/FRYER Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 03-APR-2006 (cents per lb)

U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS	
Chicago 46.00-49.00	49.61	35 :	51.03	71	
Los Angeles 75	72.24	68 :	69.2	147	
New York 48.00-51.00	49.61	23 :	51.54	43	

COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

03-APR-2006	Change from 27-MAR-2006	27-MAR-2006	04-APR-2005
58.92	-1.63	60.55	73.75
NUMBER OF LOADS	589		

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	68-70	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	68-69	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	68	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	68-70	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	68-69	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	68	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
AM 04/03/06	3,393	81,033	64,881
AM 03/01/06	3,338	69,688	69,000
CHG	55	11345	-4119
PCT CHG	2%	16%	-6%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of February 28, 2006 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on April 1, 2006 are:

FROZEN EGGS	25 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
TURKEYS	364 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
POULTRY	865 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE (7 pounds and up)* Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 03-MAR-06

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
Southeast (1)	9.5-15.25 CENTS/LB.	12-13	12.57
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	9-15.5 CENTS/LB.	11-13	12.39

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

*Weights under 7 lbs. subject to discount.

LIGHT TYPE Cents per head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

31-MAR-06	REMOVAL COST	
REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern	3-12	9-10
South Central	Too Few To Report	
North Central	4-11	

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

(Receipts From Producers)

W/E 01-APR-2006	CASES (IN THOUS)	PW	LY
REGIONS			
North Atlantic	213.3	-2	-3
East North Central	613.9	-3	2
West North Central	301.6	4	4
South Atlantic	198.2	1	-1
South Central	69.9	-3	0
West	190.3	2	-8
Total	1587.2	0	0
Matched Plants reporting		84	84

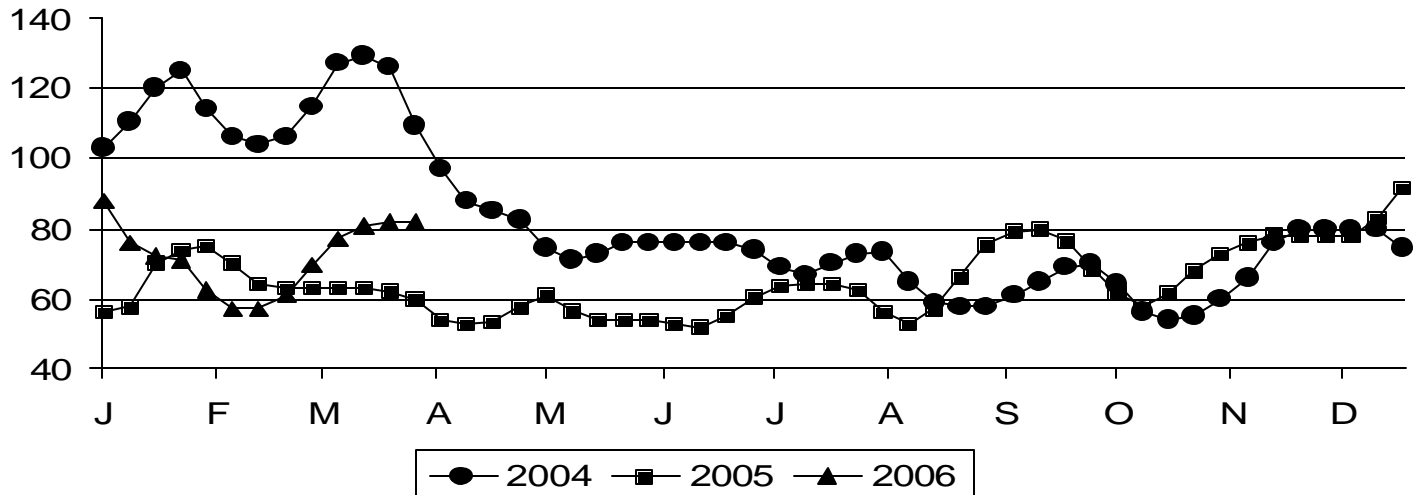
Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)

East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)

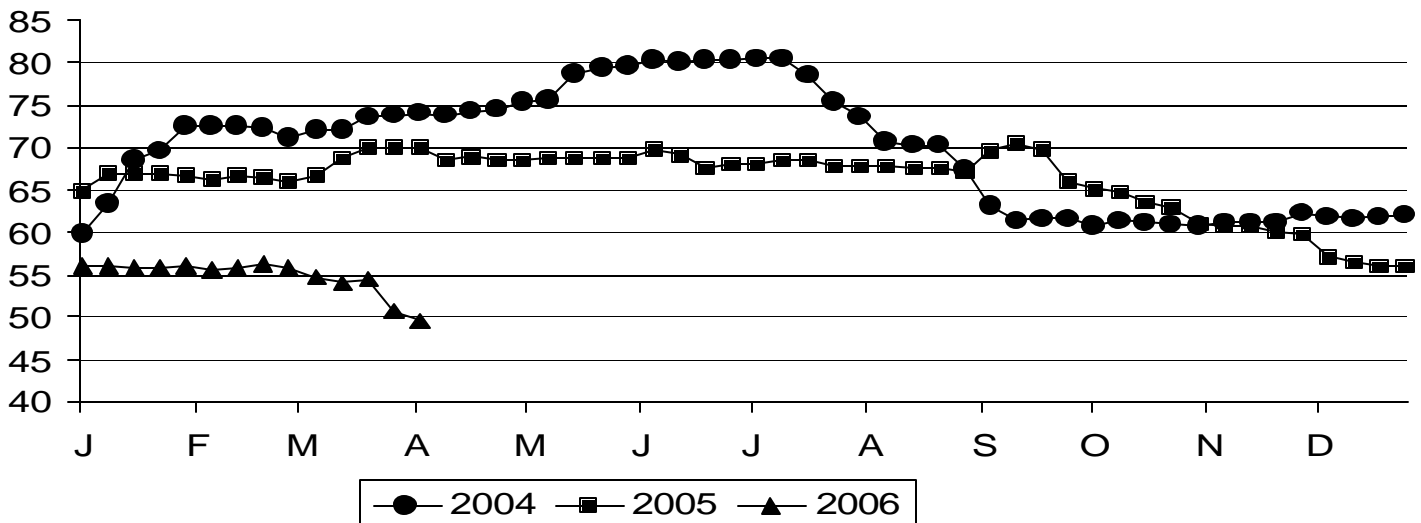
South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)

West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

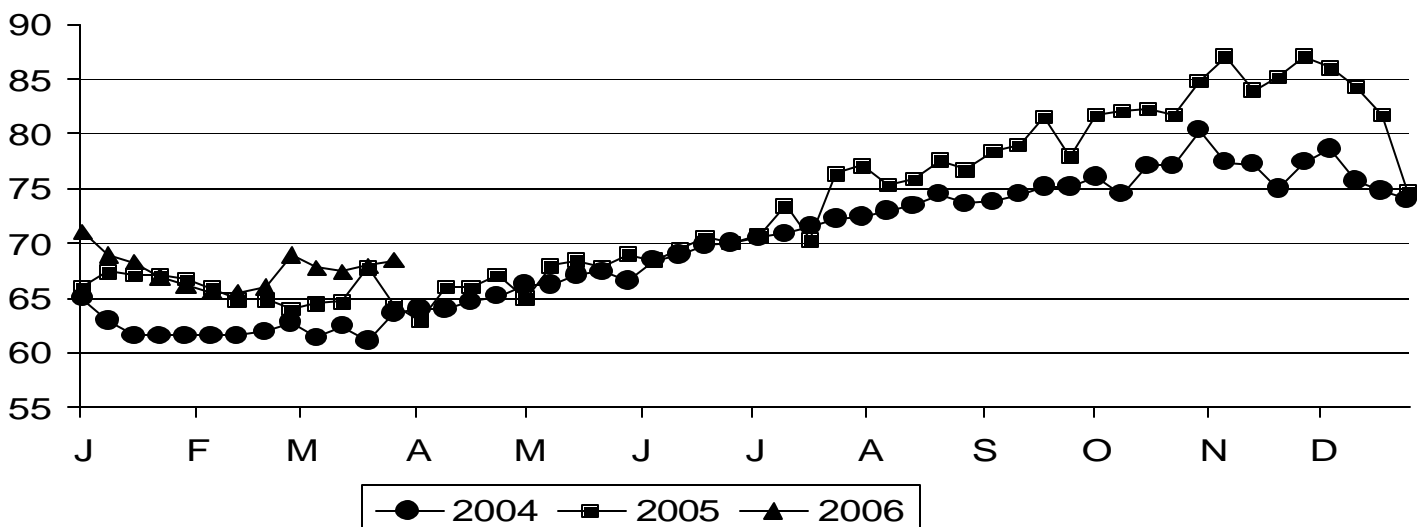
New York Large Weekly Average Price cents per dozen



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices cents per pound



Eastern Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkey cents per pound



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